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College

Faith brings
us together.
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us apart.

Those whose lives she touched called her ‘‘Mom!’’

Mrs. Evelyn LeTourneau, co-founder of LeTourneau College, died on Tuesday, May 12, 1987 at her home in Longview. She was 86 years old.

Mrs. LeTourneau was born in Santa Rosa, California on November 15, 1900 and was the oldest of four children.

In 1917 she was married to Robert G. LeTourneau who became a world famous inventor and designer of heavy duty earth-moving equipment and was a pioneer in the development of off-shore oil drilling platforms.

Mr. LeTourneau passed away on June 1, 1969.

Because of her husband's work as a manufacturer and contractor she lived in California, Illinois, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas. Often her lot was to live in tents, steel and concrete buildings, and at one time, even in a converted railroad boxcar.

Mrs. LeTourneau's parents were deeply religious, industrious and extremely hospitable. These qualities became characteristic of

port of her husband, founded LeTourneau College. For Mrs.

LeTourneau this was the realization of a dream of establishing a non-denominational Christian college.

Today, LeTourneau College is a fully accredited, coeducational Christian college offering two and four-year degree programs in the arts and sciences with special emphasis in engineering and technology.

From her home on campus, Mrs. LeTourneau was known as

‘‘Mom’’ to hundreds of young people. But working with young people did not begin in Longview. As a teenager she taught and transported

youngsters to Sunday school in a trailer. She founded a Bible Camp for young people in Winona Lake, Indiana, and operated it for ten years from 1938 to 1948. For two years, in Toccoa, Georgia, she taught a class in religion for a total of 600 young people. She also established ranches for disadvantaged boys at Little

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—Roy LeTourneau

both Mrs. LeTourneau and her husband. People in their community and ministers and missionaries from around the world

have always enjoyed the generous hospitality of her home. In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. LeTourneau moved to Longview where Mr. LeTourneau built a manufacturing plant. It was at that time that Mrs. LeTourneau, with the sup-

Rock, Arkansas, and Lindale, and Longview, Texas.

The role of ‘‘mothering’’ began early in her life. At the age of ten years she assumed major responsibilities of the home, with a sister and three brothers to take care of, because of the illness of her mother.

She encouraged her husband in his work as an inventor and in-



**Evelyn P. LeTourneau
November 15, 1900-May 12, 1987**

dustrialist as well as in his extensive industrial and missionary work in West Africa and South America.

Mrs. LeTourneau traveled with her husband for thirty years throughout the world as he spoke to many thousands as a lay minister.

In 1969 Mrs. LeTourneau was chosen National Mother of the Year by the American Mothers Committee, Inc. at its National Awards Week ceremonies in Los Angeles, California.

‘‘Mrs. LeTourneau typifies American motherhood at its best, as a Christian mother who devoted herself to her family, her church, her community and the world,’’ said Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, who then was the President of the Committee.

In 1971, Mrs. LeTourneau was elected to the presidency of the American Mothers Committee, Inc. at their annual meeting at

the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Following Mr. LeTourneau's death in 1969, Mrs. LeTourneau traveled for five years in a speaking ministry extending across the United States and Canada, often averaging more than one meeting per day.

Her desire was to encourage people to face all situations with a ‘‘will to win’’ drawing upon the resources of mind and body, but above all to recognize the courage and strength that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Mrs. LeTourneau is survived by three sons, Richard H. of Dallas, Ben W. of Longview, and Roy S. of Rockwall, Texas; daughter, Louise Dick of Longview; sister, Edna Farnham of San Leandro, Calif; brothers, Robert Peterson of San Leandro, and Howard Peterson of Alamo, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Mrs. LeTournneau's four surviving children include (L-R) Ben, Louise, Roy, and Richard.

"Mom" Memories Of "Mom" LeTournneau

her, but heaven and many friends there have received her with great gladness and rejoicing. She and her husband, Mr. R. G.

LeTournneau, meant more to the evangelical world for many years than is generally realized. Their faithful witness for Christ, their untiring efforts, their generosity have all been used of God to advance the cause of Christ's kingdom. They came to many of our crusades at great personal sacrifice of time and effort. I will never forget the powerful witness of both of them on many occasions. In later years I always referred to Mrs. LeTournneau as "Mom." Ruth and I have loved them both and will join you today in praising God that He allowed us to know them.

Rev. D. Robert Butler

*Rev. D. Robert Butler
Pastor, Alliance Bible Church
Longview, Texas*

True biography is incomplete this side of glory. Therefore, only a comma, and not a period is appropriate as we think of her in these terms. Mom LeTournneau, born in Santa rosa, California, November 15, 1900-comma-and now continues on in the very presence of her Lord and Savior. How did she come to know the Lord as her Savior as a twelve year old girl. In her own words she recalls, "The kind evangelist opened the Bible and spoke to me alone. I listened, I cried, I prayed. That was the day of my conversion. I accepted the Lord as my Savior. When I ran into the kitchen to tell mother I was so happy I felt that my feet hadn't even touched the floor."

Chester Hall

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Longtime LeTournneau Employee
Written on the flyleaf of my Bible are these words, "Only one life, will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last. To Chester Hall, from Evelyn LeTournneau, December 25, 1935." I'm convinced that what Evelyn wrote in my Bible were not just words, but a creed by which she lived.

I first knew Evelyn when I joined the crew of the LeTournneau Company in Stockton, California. Imagine a young woman with six children, five of them active and mischievous little boys, who still found the time to open her home to many other people.

I remember when she and Pop moved to Peoria, Ill. in 1935 to establish a plant there. Several of the young men, I among them, were away from home for the first time and without living quarters. Evelyn immediately leased a large home on the bluff and invited us all to live with them. She not only housed us, she fed us, she scolded us, she prayed with us, she made sure we had clean clothes. She rejoiced with our successes and encouraged us in spite of our failures.

But most of all she saw to it that we attended Sunday school and church because her chief desire was that each of her children, which included us, would come to know and love her Lord as she did. And with most of us she succeeded. It was in Peoria that I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord.

Nels Stjernstrom

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Former Editor of NOW

In 1969 she became American Mother of the Year. It, of course, was in all the newspapers across the country. She came to me and said, "What in the world have you done to me? I'm getting letters from all over the country asking me to come and speak." She said, "I've just travelled with Pop, I'm no speaker."

"Well," I said, "You're going to speak." And her first speaking engagement was in San Antonio for a fall rally at a church. When we walked in we found more than 600 people, and you know what that looks like when everyone's seated at tables.

"Oh," she said, "I can't do this. I don't think I will last more than twenty minutes." I said, "If you put in twenty minutes they will bless you." When she was through she came to me. I looked at her and said, "Do you know how long a tape I had to have in order to record your speech?" She said, "No, how long?"

"Forty-five minutes," I said, "You have to cut down." And from then on she travelled all over and gave the message that touched so many lives.

It was my privilege to sit in their home one evening when the telephone rang. The voice at the other end of the line said, "Mom, I thought it time for me to call you. It's been many years now since I was that rascal in your boys ranch. Here I am sitting with my two daughters and my wife, a Christian home, dedicated

to the Lord because you touched my life."

It was a great experience to see how two people, committed to the Lord, could inspire people to look upon the Christian life in a different way, and to enter into it, and across the world today there is fruit from their lives.

Roy LeTournneau

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President, The LeTournneau Foundation

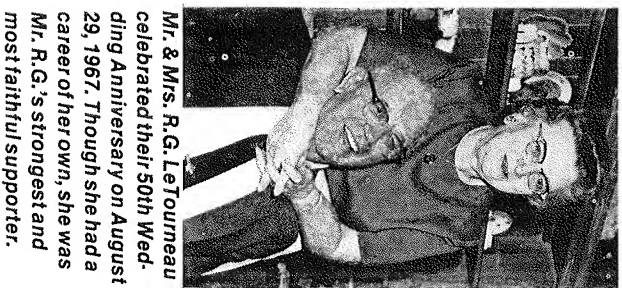
I was thinking as we were singing the song, "Because He Lives," how thankful I am for having had the privilege of growing up in the home of the greatest woman I ever knew. I thank God that she was patient in love. She disciplined. She didn't hesitate to call dad once in a while and if dad left his work he made sure his trip was worthwhile. But she loved us. She was always there when we needed her. I remember living in the house on the college campus. We had nine bedrooms and five baths and Aunt Edna would come to see us and she used to say she was going to get her bed early because we were never sure who else was going to show up.

I thank God for the people who were in our home. I think back about all the preachers, evangelists, musicians that came to our home and meant so much to me and to all of us. Our home was open. It was always there.

Dr. Billy Graham

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The homegoing of Mrs. LeTournneau has been a cause for both sorrow and joy. Her many friends and loved ones will miss



Mr. & Mrs. R.G. LeTournneau celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 29, 1967. Though she had a career of her own, she was Mr. R.G.'s strongest and most faithful supporter.

Memories (cont.)

Dr. Harry T. Hardwick

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President Emeritus, LeTourneau College

It was 1968 when I arrived here on the campus for the first time and the thing that awed me the most was meeting Mom and Pop in a formal setting with the trustees. That night she said, "Where are you staying?" I said, "At the motel." "Oh," she said, "don't do that. Stay at our little guest house back here and come over at 7:30 in the morning for breakfast."

I did, and as I walked up toward the house she was walking out toward her car with her purse and keys in her hand. She looked around in a kind of nonchalant sort of way and said, "Oh, you're to have breakfast aren't you?"

Obviously she was going somewhere. "I have an appointment with the hairdresser," she said. "But that door leads into the kitchen. Go right in there. The refrigerator is there and everything else you need so you can find something to eat. If you have any trouble my little granddaughter is running around somewhere and she'll help you."

Well, I went in on that basis and joined another man sitting at the table helping himself. From that time on I knew why they called her Mom, because she made everyone feel like a member of the family, so from then on I called her Mom too.

Dr. James T. Cunningham

Excerpts from the funeral message preached by Dr. James T. Cunningham, Mrs.

LeTourneau's former pastor, currently director of Missions to Children, Glendale, California.

Who can deny the fact that a genuine, joyful note of victory has been prevalent today in this service. Mom LeTourneau could not be with a better Person than she is now. She could not be in a better place than she is now, she could never more wonderfully fit into a program and procedure such as is hers through Jesus Christ her Lord.

This is homegoing. How wonderful to realize that there is a place prepared for God's redeemed people where we shall forever more extoll Him and praise Him throughout eternity.

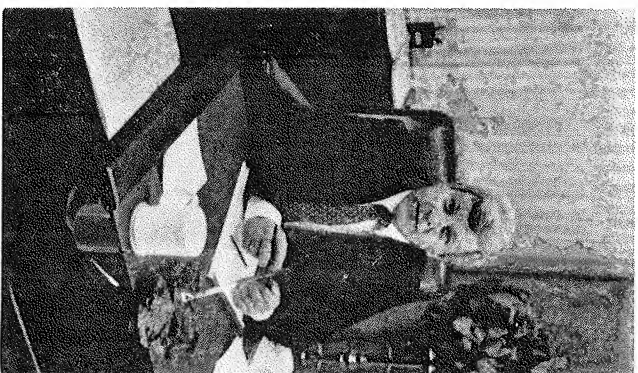
President's Message

A Model For Us All

Most of us can identify several people who, because of their involvement in our life, have made a lasting impact upon us. Some of these relationships may have been short in duration but because of the strength of the individual's personality, character or message, the effect was great. Others may have altered our lives in a more quiet, subtle way by means of personal example.

I have had several role models or mentors who through the instilling of their wisdom, the modeling of their lives, or because of their willingness to lovingly confront and challenge, provided direction, motivation, and inspiration to me at key points in my life.

There was the elderly church member who, during my high school years, often invited young people up to his mountain canyon home under the guise of needing help with some project around the house. His true desire was to befriend, to listen, and to model Christian love. Another person was the dean of students at my college who evidenced a professional yet caring interest in me at a time when I wasn't certain I had the talent or the finan-

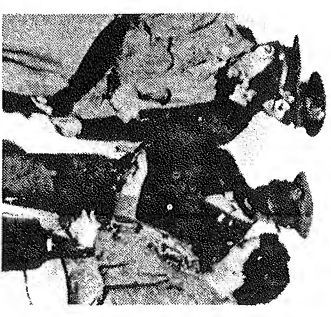


Dr. Alvin O. Austin

cial resources to complete college. He inspired me to consider a career in higher education. There were several colleagues who had confidence in my ability to provide leadership, gave me a chance to display it, challenged me to think bigger and broader, and evidenced that one can seek to excel and also be compassionate men of caring and faith. And then there was "Mom" LeTourneau. While I only knew her personally for the last year...a time in her life when she was not

at her peak of energy or activity...she modeled for me and for my wife, Sammie, the kind of quiet yet firm Christian faith that has changed our lives.

"Mom's" legacy to me is threefold. First, she believed that there was no task too big for God. She evidenced a faith that not only helped her beloved husband, R. G., move mountains, but in spite of the odds, she established Bible camps, ranches for delinquent youngsters, and of course our own LeTourneau College. Second, she put feet to her faith. She was a true Christian servant. Mom believed in hard work. She didn't wait for someone else to do the job for her. Finally, Mom was a person with vision. She didn't sit back and rest on her laurels, she never stopped moving forward. Every time I was with her, Mom had a new idea, a vision for the future. "Mom", because of you, my life, and the lives of others around the world, are richer and fuller. I have a better understanding of faith, a stronger commitment to service, and a greater vision for what can be. Thanks, "Mom," you are missed!



Symbolizing turnover of Hammon General Hospital, to LeTourneau for college campus, H.M. Bare, commanding officer, hands keys to Mrs. LeTourneau (1946).



Mom LeTourneau at work in her office in 1948.

And so I come to you today reminding you of this undeniable fact, this sister in Christ, Mom LeTourneau, is forever with the Lord.

As I came from California yesterday I could not help but think of some of the outstanding qualities of Mom LeTourneau and the wide dimension of her influence in the lives of others.

Several words came to my mind. I think of the word, meaningful. I'm saying that Mom LeTourneau meant so much to so many and therefore her life was meaningful. When my wife and I visited with Mom LeTourneau we always came away exhilarated, enthusiastic about the work of Christ. She cared about the Church of the living God. She was faithful to her calling and thus God used her in a very wide area. Her life was meaningful. I think of the word, miracle, the miracle of the new birth. There was that day when at a tender age she said, "Come into my heart Lord Jesus. Come in today,

come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." She realized that God's Word is so true when it says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but has passed from death unto life." A miracle had taken place in her life. The miracle of the new birth. Do you know Him today, whom to know is life eternal?

I think of the word, missions. Mom was one who believed that vision without work is visionary and work without vision is mercenary, but vision and work is missionary, and so she prayed for God's servants around the world. She knew them by name, interceding for those on the battle front. Missions was a paramount factor in her life. I think of the word, money. Mom LeTourneau crowned God at the treasury. She realized that the greatest thing in all this world to prepare for the world to come was to lay up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt and thieves do not break

through and steal. She believed in giving to the Lord's work. Finally, I think of the word, meeting. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. In Amos 4:12 we are admonished, "Prepare to meet thy God." And so we await that glorious day when throughout eternity we shall sing His wonderful praises. How wonderful to have a home and how wonderful that this child of God has finally reached that destination, yes, finally home.

A Memorial Fund has been established in memory of "Mom" LeTourneau in each of the following organizations for the furtherance of the gospel

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Selby Award Winner Gives Teaching A Good Name

"Everyone's had a lousy teacher at some time or another," says Martin Batts, the 1987 winner of the LeTourneau College Teacher of the Year Award. "The kind who presents the material in such a flat, uninteresting way that students are bored stiff. They may be in class, but their thoughts are a million miles away. I've experienced that, and I was convinced that if I ever had the chance I could do a better job of it."

Dr. Batts is a graduate of Calvin College. He holds a master of divinity degree from Trinity Seminary, a master of sacred theology degree from Dallas

Seminary, a master of arts degree in literature and philosophy from the University of Dallas and a Ph. D. in literature and philosophy from the University of Dallas. Batts originally planned to go into the ministry and for two years was campus minister at Drake University. His responsibilities included teaching elective courses and that's where his life objectives began to shift toward teaching. "I think of myself as a teacher-preacher," states Batts. "The two are very close in my mind. After my tenure at Drake I was dean at Ecola Hall, a short term Bible school in Oregon. Then later,

while attending graduate school in Dallas I taught for three years at Mountain View College. I have found tremendous satisfaction in the dynamic give and take of the classroom." Batts is quite specific when asked about his objectives as a teacher. "On the negative side I don't want to just be a source of knowledge, pouring information into students' minds which they dutifully memorize and repeat on test day. Students must memorize some things, but I view teaching as partnership with the student, a relationship in which I stand alongside leading the way but with the student actively involved in the whole

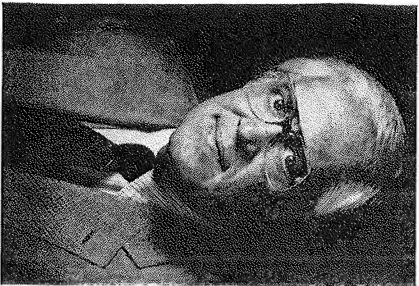
learning process." "I like to use a variety of teaching techniques in the classroom. Sometimes lecture, sometimes discussion groups, role playing, sharing outside reports in class, problem solution, even dramatic skits, and field trips.

"When I teach Shakespeare I have the students choose parts and actually act out the play. Often at first they're a little hesitant, but once they get into it their enthusiasm grows, and I see their interest begin to peak. They become actively involved in the material, they focus their attention upon it and begin to understand what Shakespeare is all about. They appreciate the material more after the class than they did before."

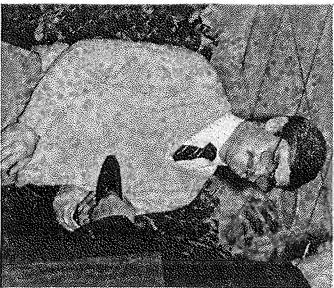
Batts is concerned about the current generation of students, because in his estimation, their intellectual preparation for college is lacking in breadth. That may be one reason why philosophy is his favorite subject. It helps students understand what they do and why they do it. "One of my goals," says Batts, "is to introduce students to using their minds rather than basing their lives on feelings. Too often they do not think logically and the quality of their lives suffers as a consequence.

"I also enjoy teaching apologetics because as Christians we have a faith that is intellectually defensible. It's not something that just gives a person good vibes, it's not groovy, it's something that has intellectual substance to it, and that's a new idea for many students.

"Often they say, 'My pastor says, or my parents say,....', but I challenge them. But what do you say? What do you think? It's important to give them a biblical foundation for their lives and to help them think through the important questions about life." Martin Batts is well prepared and very comfortable in the world of books and ideas. He communicates his interests and enthusiasm to his students in a way that stimulates curiosity, concentration, and which results in the learning and the building of understanding and faith. Martin Batts is the kind of professor who gives teaching a good name.



Dr. David LeShana, President of Seattle Pacific University, presented the 1987 commencement address at graduation ceremonies held on April 25. One hundred thirty seven students were recognized for their achievement.



The annual R.G. LeTourneau award is presented to an outstanding senior engineer. The award represents outstanding innovative capability in design and engineering.

This year's recipient was Joel Robert Hartmen, from Fishlake Valley, Nevada. Joel graduated this spring with a double major in Mechanical and Welding Engineering. Joel plans to go on for a graduate degree in welding engineering at Ohio State University.



Dr. Batts uses a variety of teaching methods, including lecture, drama, discussion among them, to stimulate students to understand the meaning of the material covered.

Excellence In Teaching

Educators are quick to affirm that excellence in teaching is an essential component in the educational process. But often their praise becomes muted when in real life, publishing books and the results of research become the preferred avenues to career advancement. The charge is often made that the "publish or perish" syndrome has a detrimental effect on the development of excellence in teaching. At LeTourneau College a high value has always been placed on excellence in teaching. In recognition of the value of teaching, a Teacher of the Year is recognized each year. It is named The Robert H. Selby Award in honor and memory of Dr. Robert H. Selby, professor of English and History from 1961 until his untimely death in 1971 from cancer at age 44. Dr. Selby was noted for his extensive influence as a teacher in the lives of his students, not only for his skill as a communicator, but also for

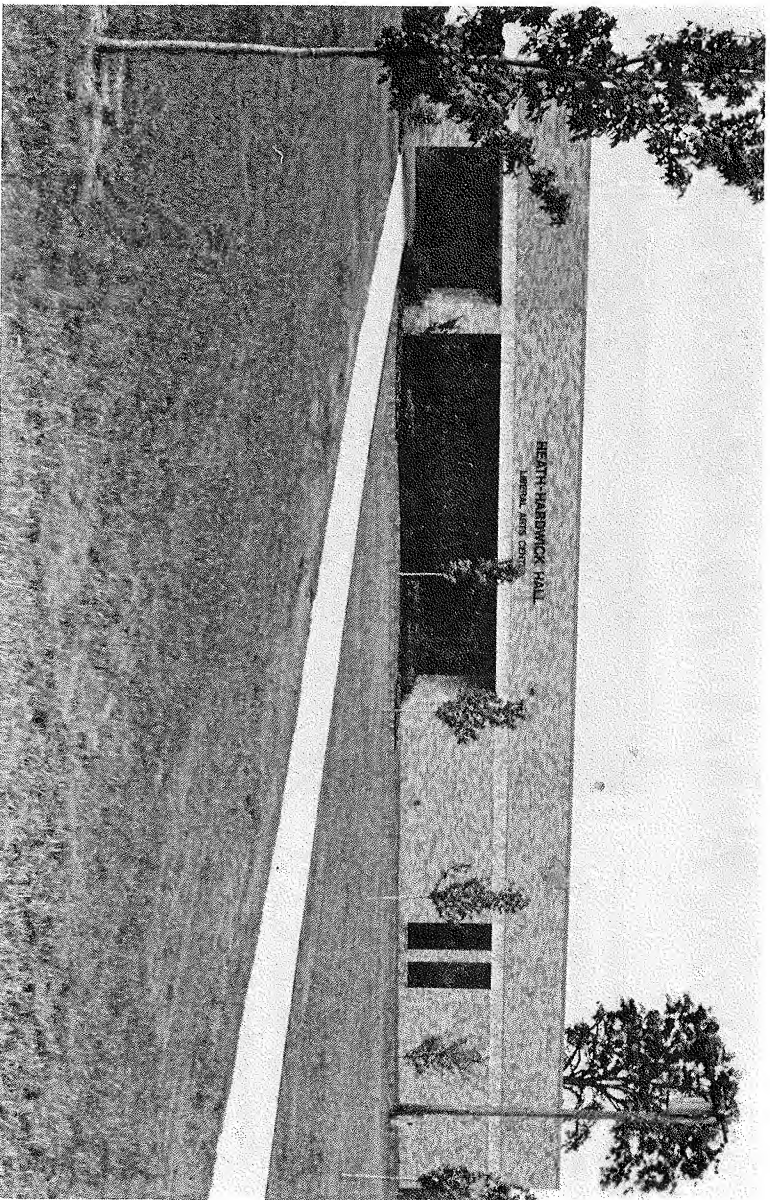
his concern for the total student, both in and out of the classroom. The recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award is chosen by his or her peers based on the demonstration of scholarship, effectiveness in teaching, helpfulness to students and a dedication to LeTourneau College and Christian higher education. Following the spirit of the Selby Teacher of the Year Award, this issue of NOW highlights the achievements and interests of this year's award winner, Dr. Martin Batts, assistant professor of English and Bible. LeTourneau students and alumni continually express their admiration for the faculty and their gratitude for the life-shaping experiences gained in the classroom and in personal relationships with their professors. That's why excellence in teaching will always be a priority value at LeTourneau College.

Heath-Hardwick Hall Dedicated

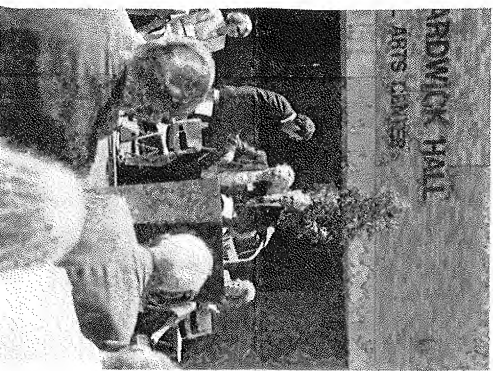
Heath-Hardwick Hall, a new liberal arts center on the LeTouneau campus, was dedicated at an 11:00 a.m. ceremony on Friday, April 24, 1987. Many dignitaries, guests, faculty, staff and students attended the dedication.

Construction of the new facility began in February, 1986 and was close enough to completion by November for the college trustees to hold their fall meeting there marking the first official use of the facility. The liberal arts faculty moved into their offices during December and classes began in January.

At the November trustee meeting the building was officially named, Heath-Hardwick Hall, in honor of the father and five deceased uncles of challenge donor Jim N. Heath, and in honor of Dr. Harry T. Hardwick, president emeritus of LeTouneau College. Situated on the north side of the campus mall, Heath-Hardwick Hall is an impressive addition to the campus, and a facility that will be used to meet student needs for many years in the future. Architects Malloy and Bresie and landscape architect, David Scarborough, supervised the construction and landscaping process to insure that the building conforms to the college's construction and beautification masterplan. In addition to landscaping around Heath-Hardwick Hall more than 400 trees have been planted around the campus in recent months. The building features a central lecture hall which seats 100 and includes a



Heath-Hardwick Hall is a functional and beautiful addition to the LeTouneau campus. Besides being used for regularly scheduled classes, adult and continuing education classes are held there for people who enroll from the Longview community.



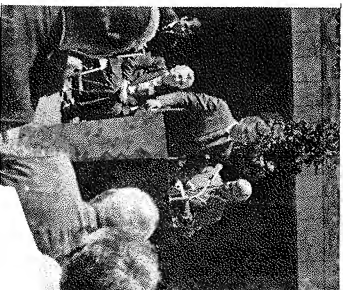
Mrs. LeTouneau participated in the dedication program.

platform-stage and projection booth. There are six classrooms including a computer lab. Each classroom provides facilities and connections for the extensive use of technology in teaching. There are fourteen faculty offices,

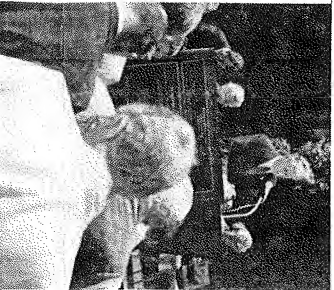
reception and faculty lounge areas.

The cost of Heath-Hardwick Hall was \$904,000 including construction costs, classroom and office furnishings, and landscaping. Major gifts to the project include a \$175,000 gift from Mrs. and Mrs. Jim N. Heath, \$120,000 from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas, \$100,000 from the Mabec Foundation of Tulsa, \$80,000

from the Hillcrest Foundation of Dallas, and \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, Sr. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. An additional major gift was received from the estate of Mr. John Olson of Selma, California. Gifts received from many friends all across the country enabled the college to qualify for the initial challenge grant and ultimately to complete this major project.



Challenge donor, Jim Heath expressed his satisfaction with the completed building.



Dr. Harry T. Hardwick, president emeritus led in the Dedicator Prayer.

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Erickson Named Dean Of Students

David E. Erickson has been named Dean of Students, effective July 1, 1987. The announcement was made by Dr. Alvin Austin, college president.

Erickson comes to LeTouneau from North Texas State University. Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, where he was director of financial aid. He also serves as a consultant and program review officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Educational Testing Services (ETS). In this role, Erickson is involved in assisting in the development of a data processing system for student records and information.



David & Irene Erickson

Erickson earned his bachelor of science degree in psychology at Central Michigan University, his master of arts degree in higher education/student personnel administration from Michigan State University, and is a Ph. D. candidate at Texas Women's University. He has also completed a year

of study at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Commenting about the appointment, Dr. Austin states, "David met all of our requirements for this position. He not only has accumulated seven years of experience in the student services area, but he has also

demonstrated a genuine love for students, a dedication to sound management and administration, as well as a commitment to the integration of his personal relationship with Jesus Christ with his professional leadership." Erickson and his wife, Irene, have two children, Matthew, age 5, and Kristina, age 3.



Wayne Archer

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The annual Frontier Week activities concluded with events especially planned for alumni. Following the Hootenanny on Friday night, the alumni gathered for the Annual Alumni Breakfast on the third floor of the Student Center.

The class of 1980 was recognized for having the largest representation. Richard Peterson (54) received the award for being the

alumnus living outside of Longview representing the

earliest graduating class. Chris Soih1 (86) and Steve Erickson

(85) shared the honors for the alumnus who traveled the fur-

thest distance. They traveled

2000 miles from California to attend the breakfast.

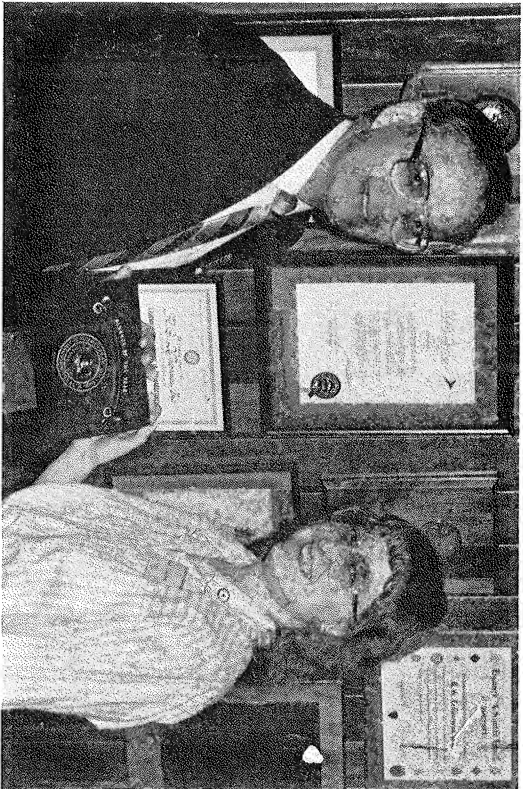


Along with the Honorary Alumnus of The Year plaque, Richard Berry received a chain of tongue depressors which he proudly wore, each listing the many responsibilities he has fulfilled during his 19 year tenure at the college.

Mr. Richard Berry, chairman of the division of engineering and engineering technology, and former acting president, received the prestigious Honorary Alumnus of the Year award. The presentation was made by Lois Knouse (67) president of the Alumni Executive Committee. Mr. Berry was only the 16th recipient of this award.

Debra Fulghum (80) was presented the Alumnus of the Year award by Norm Shick (61), director of alumni relations. Debra was the 23rd recipient and first woman to receive this recognition.

College president, Dr. Alvin O. Austin, spoke on the topic "Presidential Perspectives," providing the alumni with his assessment of the college and his



Dr. Norman Shick, director of alumni relations and development representative, presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to Debra Fulghum. Debra is currently serving as a trustee of the college.

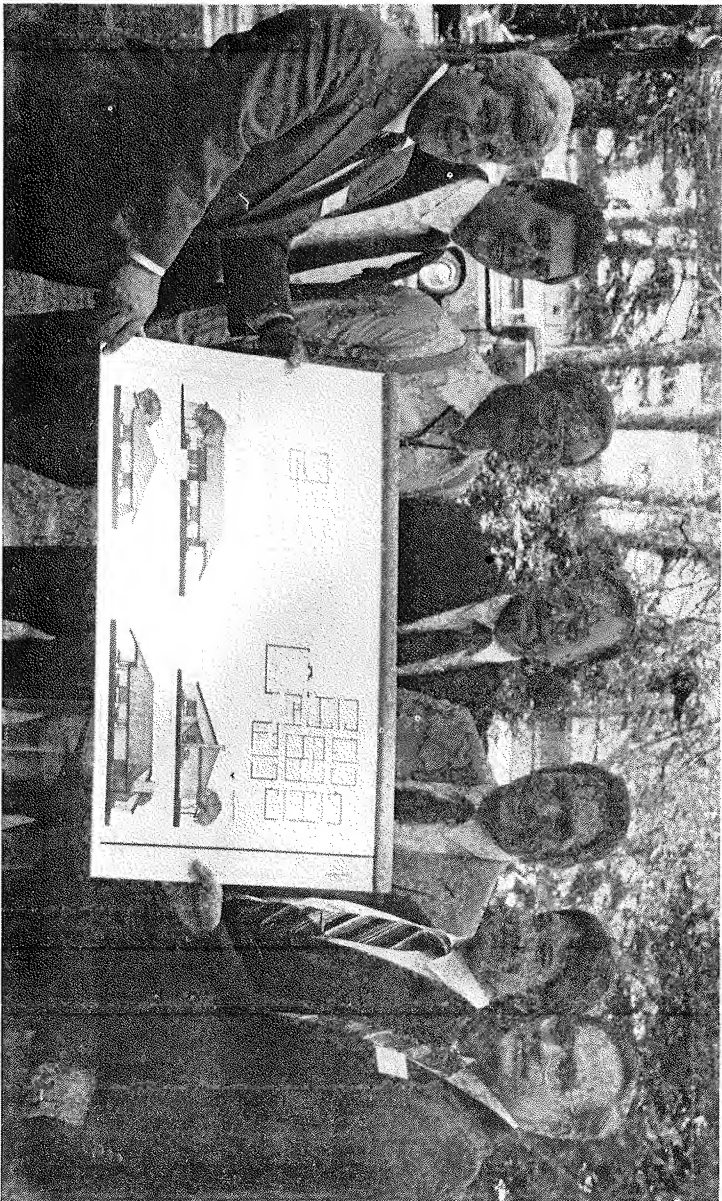
priorities for the administrative and academic future of the college.

Following the Alumni Breakfast

Kappa Zeta alumni, house members, faculty and staff gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed new

KZX house and the unveiling of the architect's line drawings of the structure. Construction will begin when 80 percent of the projected cost has been raised. The big day concluded with the Annual Alumni Banquet. The featured entertainment was Dr. Don VanPala, the Flying Dutchman, who is a guest performer on many popular cruise ships. With his beautiful golden banjo, and his native Dutch accent, he provided the alumni with a memorable evening of music and storytelling. Planning is already underway for Alumni Weekend next March 18-19. Special events will make it something alumni will not want to miss.

Ground Broken For New KZX House



Dr. Alvin Austin, Ralph Donnelly, Paul Hara, Charles Rudolph, Homer Jentes, Skyler Kelm, and Dr. Norman Shick unveiled the architect's drawings of the KZX house.

"We welcome you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kappa Zeta Chi Society House," announced Ralph Donnelly as he greeted alumni, house members, faculty and staff who gathered for this occasion. Ralph continued, "We have been looking forward to this event for a long time!"

The momentum for building a new house was generated when the KZX alumni celebrated their twentieth anniversary in March, 1983. A Steering committee was formed in June and the fund-raising effort was underway.

Four years later, and with more

than \$160,000 in the bank, the steering committee assembled to conduct the groundbreaking ceremony. Charles Rudolph (64) gave the invocation, Ralph Donnelly (69) gave words of welcome, Homer Jentes (62) and Paul Hara (66) joined Skyler Kelm, house president, and Dr. Alvin Austin in breaking ground for the new house.

Dr. Austin thanked the alumni for their fine effort and challenged them to push on to completion. The dedicatory prayer was given by Roger Carr, faculty sponsor, followed by Dr. Norman Shick, director of alumni relations, unveiling the architect's colored line drawings and elevations of the new house. Totalling over 5200 square feet, the building will be a single story dwelling featuring ten rooms, kitchen, separate laundry facilities and an extra large lounge. Plans are to begin construction when eighty percent of the project cost has been raised, which will include funds for landscaping, parking lot, and furniture. Hopefully, the new house will be under construction by the time the KZX alumni return in March of 1988 to celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Alumni Notes

Class of '62

Stan Settles, corporate director, industrial/manufacturing engineering of The Garrett Corporation, assumed the 1987-88 office of president on April 1 of the 43,000 member Institute of Industrial Engineers. As president, Settles will serve as IIE's executive officer. He will represent IIE to the engineering community, organizations, and the public at large.

Class of '68

Larry and Virginia McGuire write from Swaziland, Africa: "The Lord answered our prayers about the tower construction. Dec. 9 we reached the 360 foot level, then topped it out at 400 ft. on Dec. 11. Last of the 'upstairs' work was done when the light wiring was completed on Dec. 22. Initial measurements have been made to assess what will be required to direct our AM signal away from the Indian Ocean toward more densely populated areas."

Class of '69

Byron and Linda Myers write from Venezuela, South America: "Byron is no longer teaching school. Recently our field decided to have "communal eating" during conference. In light of this project Byron has been put on construction. It is his job now to set up a kitchen and dining room. So many things to do and change. Starting from "scratch" means cutting lumber from the jungle, sawing it, dragging it in through the jungle to home where it is planned, etc. EVERYTHING takes hard work and such long hours."

Class of '73

Nard and Sandy Puyao have been requested by Moody Aviation to be part of their staff beginning August 1, 1987. This will be a Wycliffe/JAARS assignment while in the States. Their input into this national training program is most essential in helping WBT/JAARS be successful in training nationals both now and in the future.

Class of '74

Dan and Barbara Anderson report that: "On January 2 at 1:42 a.m., Emily Joan was born here in Elkhart, Indiana. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Emily has lots of brown hair and is doing well. Jenny has accepted Emily and wants to be called "big sister" now. Barb has recovered well and is busier than ever with two children to care for."

Class of '77

Stephen Prosser reports that he is the Coordinator of the 1989 World Canoe and Kayak Championships. It is the first time in the history of the sport that the Championships are being held in this country, and only the second time that it has been held in this hemisphere. The event is to be staged in McHenry, Maryland.

Class of '79

Rob Molzahn is currently the Associate Director of Financial Aid at George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon.

Dan Peterson was part of a 29-member tour Jan. 17-31 which took in many of Ecuador's sights including radio and medical installations operated by HCJB World Radio throughout the country. "I now understand more fully the challenges and accomplishments of mission work," Peterson says. "I especially enjoyed Ecuador's scenery and meeting the people of HCJB." First stop for tour members was at HCJB's main offices in Quito where radio programs are produced in 12 major languages. Broadcasts consist of news reports, music, cultural information and gospel messages.

Bruce and Janet Smith report that they have been transferred from South America to Haiti. Working with MAF, they now reside in Port-Au-Prince.

Class of '80

Doyle and Carol Peterson write: "We are now at the JAARS Center in North Carolina reporting on our experiences in Africa. So much has changed in the computer world since we left JAARS two years ago, and we are catching up on the new developments. Our objective is to serve in a developing area of Africa as technical support administrators. To do this we need to get more work experience in the US at the headquarters of the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Dallas, Texas. We have the computer experience we need from JAARS, but we need to learn about the publishing, finance, personnel and project funding aspects of field support work that are centered in Dallas."

Kevin and Debbie Vandertort are proud parents of a new daughter, Kimberly Erin, born Dec. 15, 1985.

Class of '81

Mark and Miriam Sibbe rejoice in the birth of their second child, Julianna May, born September 30, 1986. She was welcomed home by her brother Joel (two).

Class of '82

Larry and Debra Cappella proudly announce the birth of Jonathan Mark. He was born on February 12, 1987 and weighed 7 lbs. and 14 oz.

Robin Dirks writes: "Last August 23rd (86) I was married to Donna Grubbs in Atlanta, Georgia. Donna is a missionary nurse I met here in Mali. We spent 6 months in the States and returned to Mali in January of this year. We are here for a four year term with CAMA Services. I'm still the Field Coordinator for Mali. We now live in Bamako, the capital city and are enjoying the luxury of flights and running water most of the time!"

David and Margaret Lemaitre write: "It's finally done, well almost. We've moved to the other side of Zaire, about 1000 miles across the country. We managed to get packed for the millionth time and sent everything out on a cargo plane to Goma where we unloaded and sent everything by road to our new home, Ruanguba. Flying from Goma to Ruanguba is about 15 minutes, by road about 3 or 4 hours (depending on who's driving). Some of the Zairean drivers do it in 2 hours or less, and their cars look it!"

Jim and Nancy Walter report from the Republic of South America that: "The Government announced this past weekend that they were devaluating the "meticals" from 40 meticals to the dollar to 200 meticals to the dollar. This is a step in the right direction to help get the Mozambican economy back on its feet, but will probably cause the people great hardship. We're not sure what effect it will have on the blackmarket, but hopefully it will drastically reduce its influence and stabilize the economy."

Class of '83

Martin A. Koschitzke graduated from The University of Texas Medical School at Galveston with his M.D. Degree on May 23.

Class of '84

Kerin Brownlee and Sue Morgan were married April 4, at the Conference Baptist Church in Evergreen, Colorado.

Larry Heiniz reports about his recent operation for a painful kidney stone: "On February 5, I had my "operation" in Zurich. I had an epidural anesthesia which caused me to be paralyzed from the waist down. I was then lowered into a tank of water where my kidney stone was subjected to ultra-high sound (shock) waves- these shock waves felt like someone hitting me on the back with a leather strap. An hour later the stone was demolished into about one million pieces (just powder). I spent three weeks in Switzerland where I had time to see Zurich and visit the head office of Helimission which is located in Trogen- in all of that time I spent a total of three days in the hospital. I am now back in Ethiopia in good health."

In Memory:
Alfred Hutley ('62), a native of East London, South Africa and a resident of Longview since 1978, died on Wednesday, May 13. He was a Quality Control Inspector for the Marathon LeTourneau Company. He was survived by his wife Pat, two daughters, and one son.

New Alumni Directory Coming Soon-

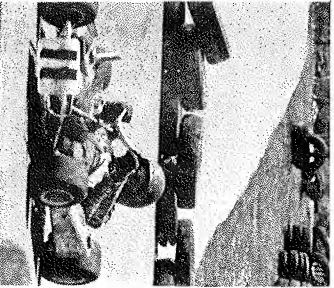
The 1988-89 edition of the Alumni Directory is scheduled for publication this summer. Designed to reflect the new format of other recently redesigned college literature, the attractive white and red cover will project the excitement of "the spirit of ingenuity" associated with LeTourneau College.

Personal information update cards have been mailed to all alumni. We are encouraging anyone we may have missed to contact us so their names can be included. Preparation of the final proof will begin in early June.

Recent Pacesetter Award Recipients

Recently, 17 more alumni received the distinguished Pacesetter Award. We congratulate the alumni listed below who qualified for the award by making a contribution of \$500.00 or more to LeTourneau College by either cash or equipment. This brings the total recipients to 202 since the award was first instituted in January 1983.

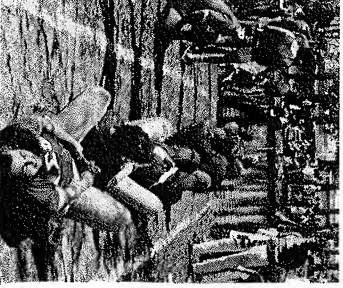
Jeff and Debbie Alken	Ocala, FL
David Barnhart	New Carlisle, OH
Timothy Buhl	Lewisville, TX
David Crone	Marietta, GA
Roy Davenport	Mission Viejo, CA
Jack Edmonson	Poulsbo, WA
James Espenshade	Paradise, PA
Henry Fogle	Chester, VA
David MacBeth	Eatonown, NJ
Dave MacKnight	Greenville, TX
Mark McDowell	Shreveport, LA
Mark McMillan	Elkton, MD
James Mock	Bloomington, MN
Eric Parks	Liverpool, NY
Noel Passan	New Britain, CT
Ben Wolf	Kansas City, MO



The annual six hour, endurance-car race turned the campus into a giant race track.



Matt Sample was well prepared to begin his career as a LeTourneau alumnus.



Frontier Week activities included a rope pull with the losers ending up in the pond.

Sports

Baseball-Like A Magnet

At LeTourneau



With five pitchers returning next year, Coach Bob Marsh is optimistic he will improve last year's 20-15 record. LeTourneau plays a fall baseball season which begins in September.

When most people think of college baseball, East Texas (and LeTourneau College in particular) might very well enter their minds. Over the years, LeTourneau College baseball has magnetized both players and coaches alike.

One such coach is LeTourneau College's present mentor, Bob Marsh. In 1976, Bob changed his major from Business Administration to Physical Education and Coaching. Seven years, two degrees, and four children later, Bob and his wife, Monica, were drawn to Texas by the LeTourneau baseball magnet. Consequently they made the move to Longview in 1983, where Bob assumed a teaching and coaching position with the college.

The decision to leave central Illinois and their families was difficult for them. In addition, Bob left behind a high school baseball powerhouse he had established at Mulberry Grove High School.

What were the drawing cards that led Bob to make his decision to coach at LeTourneau? In a recent interview, he listed three: weather, facilities, and reputation.

WEATHER: "There are not too many places where you can play your first game of the season during the first weekend in February!", stated Coach Marsh. "Many of my coaching friends up north--who don't start their season until late March--can't believe we are able to work out year round on our field. The weather here in East Texas is a baseball player's and coach's paradise. The 'Jackets average only 2 or 3 rainouts per year."

FACILITIES: "Conrad Vernon Field, together with its manicured infield and electronic scoreboard, is one of the finest baseball parks in college baseball," commented Coach Marsh. He continued, "Because of

this LeTourneau College is currently being considered as the host site for the 1988-90 N.C.A.A. National Baseball Tournaments. An Outstanding maintenance crew under the

LeTourneau College Athletic Director Dave Diehl announces the appointment of Terry Zeitlow as the new Yellow Jacket head basketball coach. He replaces Bert Greer, who will be assuming a new role in the Student Services area.

Zeitlow, a two time NCCAA All-American and a 1987 graduate of LeTourneau College, was quite pleased to accept the challenge of the appointment. "When I graduated from college, I knew I would be residing in Longview," Zeitlow stated. "But being asked to direct the men's varsity program came as somewhat of a complete surprise to me! I am honored and pleased to have this opportunity to coach, and I'm looking forward to a great year."



Terry Zeitlow's skill on the court will be transferred to others as he begins his first year as head basketball coach.

leadership of Bob Vetter and Walter Burklin, take a great deal of pride in maintaining this fine facility. The infield looks, feels, and plays like a golf green."

REPUTATION: The Yellow Jackets have gone to the NCCAA National Tournament two years in a row, and are likely to repeat the feat this season as well. "One unique aspect of our program," Coach Marsh pointed out, "is that we play approximately 70% of our games at home. We have a waiting list from northern teams desiring to play us. Teams from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, and Michigan have regularly scheduled southern trips that include stays on the LeTourneau College campus. Because of this arrangement, an added benefit is that our players can compete against many fine teams, while staying up with their college studies because of our limited travel schedule."

Coach Marsh is known affectionately by his players as the "Tommy Lasorda of the South." "The only thing we have in common," he concluded, "is we're both fat, love pasta, and we're married to lovely wives."

Zeitlow Appointed

Head Basketball Coach

Terry was raised in basketball country, graduating from Paul Harding High School in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1983. He has already demonstrated his ability to communicate the essential fundamentals of basketball which he's accumulated over the years. He adds, "Over the past four seasons, I have gained the respect of my fellow teammates, which will make my job easier. In addition, I know what each player can and can't do on the floor—a factor that will give me an added edge when the season starts."

When asked about new recruits, Zeitlow commented, "Several talented players have chosen LeTourneau College, for which I am grateful. My first task as the new head coach will be to contact these individuals. It is somewhat late to recruit the 'blue-chip' athletes this year; however, there are some great up-coming high school senior prospects especially in Texas, Louisiana, and in my home state of Indiana. I will begin actively recruiting these players this fall."

Returning stand-outs include guard David Lee, who averaged 14.5 points and 5 assists per game, and forward Jake Pheffer, who led the team in field goal percentage, in addition to averaging 14.0 points and 8 rebounds per game. The Yellow Jackets belong to the NAIA District 8 and NCCAA District 6 regions.

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June 1-5 July 24
Elderhostel
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College for Kids
June 1-5
Baseball Camp
June 15-19
Volleyball Camp
June 22-26
Soccer Camp
July 20-24
Giant Step
June 14-July 24